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TALKS ABOUT BOOKS.

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PARIS, June 5, 1875. In a letter forwarded to you in March last I reviewed several French books, the subjects of which were porrowed from us, and sook the oportunity of calling your attention to the growing interest manifested by French writers in our ocial and political progress. I laid some stress on the fact as evidence that republican ideas were steadily making their way among the classes that had hitherto obstinately resisted their influsince, and that a spirit of inquiry was being aroused that could not fail to be productive of resuits favorable to the permanency of the institutions which are now on their trial in France. since then another book has made its appearance which confirms me in this belief, although no doubt to many it will appear over-sanguine. I allude to the new work entitled "Grandes Figures Historiques," published by Michel Levy Frères, and of which M. A. Lauget is the author. Of the iix historical characters to whom the book is sevoted, two Americans-John Quincy and Charles Sumner-occupy by far the largest space. But it is not merely in this measure of their importance, but in the appreciative and reverenties manner in which their memories are treated that I find subject for congratulation, not because of the homage offered to our illustrious compatriots, but because of the tribute paid to the principles by which their politcal conduct was governed, and which I hope yet io see regulating that of the men to whom the lestinies of France are intrusted. I cannot give better idea of the spirit and manner in which this work is written than by quoting the concluding passages of the article on Sumner. "With him disappeared one of the representatives of that virile generation of statesmen who placed America in the powerful position in which the world now finds it, and who were the guides rather than the servants of the democracy. Penetrated with a projound respect for the work of their forefathers, they nevertheless corrected it by offacing the traces of an institution which threatened to corrupt it. Sumner honored the people and despised popularity; he was an orator, not a tribune, speaking only an object and in the interest of a cause and never for the vain pleasure of applause. a reformer, there was nothing chimerical in his deas, for he held more to Grotius, Montesquieu and Blackstone than to Rousseau and the socialists. In demanding the emancipation of the blacks, it was their right of lamily, their right of property that he claimed. He had no innate norror of anstocracies or old dynasties; ne detested only tyranny, because he knew that tyranny asnumes a variety of masks. The most striking trait respect for intellect; his dearest friends were poets, historians and thinkers. He incessantly eariched and adorned his mind by the perusal of the works of the great writers of all countries. THE COLLECTION OF HIS SPEECHES,

which is on the eve of publication, will form more inan ten volumes. There will often be found in it, n the midst of the dryest and most prosaic matter, ideas and sentiments of the most poetic character. In a country at once greedy and prodigal, proud of its strength and wealth, Sumper remained a type of the olden times, simple in manners, disinterested, delicate and refined in his tastes; living on the verge of a stream of corruption, his eyes were always fixed on great and noble objects. It can, in short, be said of him, difficult as was frequently the task, that he managed at once to serve his country and humanity; that all his life ne defended the interests of the United States ceeded in uniting the two causes that were dearest to him-those of emancipation and the integrity of the Union." AN RIEGANT CELEBRATION IN PROSPECT.

This year Rouen is preparing to celebrate the centenary of Boseldieu, one of the most original and charming of French composers, and whose works have to this day preserved all their ireshness and entrain. Notwiths anding the influence which he exercised upon his contemporaries, and his personal as well as artistic popularity, curions to say there existed until lately no publication which attempted a serious and well studied analysis of his character and genius. Requet's biography, the best that had been published of him, fell far short of the requirements of the subject, simply owing to the inexperience and unskilfulness of its author in literary work. M. Arthur Pongin, a critic and musician, whose admiration of Boxcldreu may almost be said to approach the fervor of worship, and who has for years been collecting every relic which might throw light upon the blanks left in the narrative of his career by Hequet's imperfect labors, has wisely chosen the period when iresh attention is being attracted to the composer's works, to publish a life of him. which supplies all that was deficient in the preceding biographies. It is not merely valuable for the fresh matter which has been introduced in it, but for the satisfactory manner in which it dis poses of the many errors of fact, which rendered the sketches of Fetis and other biographers untrustworthy. As seen through the medium of M. Pongin's work the composer of "La Dame Blanche" been one of the modestest and most amiable of men, and after perusing it it is easy to understand the warmth of the affection and devotedness manifested toward him by his musical contemporaries, many of whom, it should be recollected, were his rivale. THE CZAR AND THE COMPOSER.

The book is full of interesting anecdotes and souvenirs, which render it as acceptable to the general reader se to the musician. Take, for instarce, the account of his first interviews with the Emperor Alexander at St. Petersburg. The merry, insouciant artist was absolutely scared the Erst evening that he found himself in the presence of the Czar, although His Majesty had behaved in the kingest and most encouraging manner toward him. At the second meeting, a few days after, it was the Emperor's turn to tremble in the presence of the artist. Among other tasks Alexander had directed Boleidleu to compise several military marcues for his guard. The Emperor intended to furnish bimself the themes of these military compositions. But how was he to set about it? His Majesty dared not venture to sing before Bojeldien. At first he tried to make him comprehend what he wanted by running his fingers over the piano, but the intenation was not always correct and the rhythm was equally deficient. The Emperor then took his flute, but his timidity prevented his drawing a single note from it. At last, after a great deal of hesitation, His Majesty, like an ordinary mortal, decided to sing the required themes, and in this way Boierdicu was enabled to apply himself to his task. I trust that this interesting book will find an American translator. The publisher is Charpentier. OBILLON BARBOT'S "MEMOIRS."

In a recent letter I gave you a brief the first volume of Odillon description of Barrot's "Memoirs," published by the same house. Notwithstanding its serious defects, which are as much chargeable to the editors as to the author.

the book has made quite a sensation. Its exposiof the character of Louis Ph Hppo, and of the therournly selfish and reactionary policy which he to the period of his expussion, is as complete and damnatory as it is possible for oral and documentary evidence to make it. It is impossible to read this book without arriving at the conclusion that the Origans lamily have niways exercised a fatal inducace on the fortunes of France. M. Barret shows that but for the enormous self-conceit and pir-headedness of the old manarch all the misfor-tunes that have since betalien France might have on averted. Nor, with the exception of the Duke of Orleans, do his sons escape the interence to which his narrative leads, that they made little or no effort to prevent him pursuing his headstrong and suicidal course. They were all the more blamable for this, lor, as a letter from the Prince de Joinville to another member of the family shows, they were fully aware of the shoals on which he was blindly running the vessel of State. If, instead of accepting and monopolizing all the principal posts in the army and at the court, and thus seeming to give a tacit assent to his acts, they had firmly relused them and remonstrated with him on his obstinacy, it seems almost certain, from M. Barrot's statements, that they

WOULD HAVE SAVED THE DYNASTY and spared France the miseries of another revolution and the crimes of the second Empire. From what I have said will readily be understood that the work has a political appositeness which renders every one desirous to read it. The Oriennists, who are quietly playing the game which elevated Louis Philippe to the throne, are furious at the preciseness and clearness of its reveistions. Here is established a mass of evidence which is damaging in the last degree to the aspirations of the party and which cannot be disposed of by mere rhetorical flourishes. The legitimists are, of course, enchanted at their humiliation, though I cannot see how it betters their position. The portion of the book which is devoted to the reign of Charles X, places in a pitiable light the statesmanship and resources of the party which led that unfortunate monarch to his roin and which is ready to pursue the same course if another opportunity offered

As to the Bonapartists, if the book gives them pleasure, I wish them joy of it. After an attentive perusal of its statements, it seems to me that the only conclusion to which they can lead us is that in no instance can the people of France be held responsible for the revolutions that have altered its form of government. In every case their patience and forbearance were tried to the utmost, and in all it was a criminal self-conscious ness and a want of moral courage on the part of their oppressors that led to the disaster.

THE FRENCH DEMOCRACY. Let those who doubt the capacity of the French democracy for self-government read the history of the Parliamentary struggles during Louis Philippe's reign, presented to us in this book. If ever patriotism, disinterestedness and mod-eration were manifested by a political party, they were certainly to be found in the conduct of the organization of which M. Odillon Barrot was the leader, and which, if it could not save the constitutional monarchy, nas at least the merit of contributing to found the constitutional republic. SCIENCE

To all who are engaged in scientific pursuits, or who are desirous of keeping posted as to the march of scientific improvements, I strongly recommend the "Causeries Scientifiques" of M. Henri de Parville, published by Rothschild of the Rue de Saint Pères. It is written in a popular style, and will be found as interesting to the general as to the scientific reader. The peculiarity of the book is that it is an annual, and therefore undertakes to keep the public au courant of each successive step effected in the various branches science and art. In the last volume there is a very full and carefully written article on the proposed submarine tunnel between England and France. Those who are increduious as to the leasibility of this stupendous enterprise should read the explanations and estimates furnished in this article, which is evidently written by an engineer having access to the data in possession of

the projectors. AMEDEE ACHARD'S LAST NOVEL Michel Levy Frèces have just published the mute of Amédée Achard's posthumous novel. "Le Cape et l'Epée," under the title of "La Toison d'Or." I do not see the author's object in thus distinguishing them, for the second volnme is simply a continuation of the and he with her, though that fact he keeps to story without any apparent motive for himself, for he has a wife living, though she is a a separate caption. The remarks which I imatic. She was his cousin and he married her made in my notice of the first apply equally to the second volume. The interest of the story is well sustained and the cantacters have a marked individuality. The defect of the story is that it is did in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and and in the heat of passion he stand down and do it in deference to what they term the pressure of public opinion upon them to stand up for the repressive that journal was fined fit. The defect of the continent, and the control of the continent, and the control of wanting in local color, the quality which lends such a charm to Scott's novels, and which constitutes the chief attraction of such works in the eyes of foreigners.

MEDICAL INVESTIGATION. M. Pettenkoffer, of Munich, has just published a reply to Dr. Franck's official report on the causes the development of cholera, which has made quite a sensation throughout Germany, and led to a great deal of controversy. Dr. Franck belongs to what is called the contagionist school, which regards the cholera patient as the principal agent of the diffasion of the epidemic, while M. Pettenkoffer is a localist-that is to say, a member of the school which attributes the largest share in the development of epidemics to the character of the soil and the level of the subterranean waters. I have not as yet been able to procure a copy of M. Pettenkoffer's brochure, but I understand that he has assembled in it a crowd of curious racts, confirmatory of his theory that the true preventive of cholera lies in the amelioration of the soil and not in the measures of precaution taken against unfortunate and innocent patients.

## CHATS ABOUT BOOKS.

"FRUIT BETWEEN THE LEAVES." The MOTHER-Whoever reads all that is contained in these two volumes of "Fruit Between the Leaves," by Andrew Wynter (Scribner, Welford & Armstrong), will have a valuable lot of information at his fingers' ends.

FRED-I have been nibbling at the fruit and and it very palatable. It seems as though Mr. Wynter had set out to tell all he knew. I hardly ever saw such a variety of topics strung together. The Mornes-You must remember that the papers appeared at different times in a number of periodicals. It is not as though the writer had seized his pen and dashed off one after the other

in rapid succession. FRED-I don't think much of the paper on Clever Dogs;" the subject is tiresome and he has

not freshened it any. FELICIA-The eleverest dogs I ever saw were those at the Grand Opera House. They did do some wonderful tricks; it was hard to believe that ther were not human.

Miss Rachel-Inat article on poisons is enough to make one very careful. Just tuink of brown brea 1 being so often potsoned by darnel seed. FELICIA-How strange that frogs should be

made a test in cases where poisoning by strychnine is suspected.

Miss RACHEL-I was very much interested in the chapter on lemale convicts. Poor creatures: I do sympathize with them, in spite of their deprayity. What a refinement of cruelty to deprive them of their hair. I don't wonder that they storm and rave. It takes away even the little self-respect a murderess has to rob her of her crowning gloty. It is amusing, and touching, too, to observe their little devices for neantlying their races. Imagine being rouged with threads from red shirts and powdered with plaster off the walls. I think the prisoners in the Millbank prison are treated harsher than with us. Mr. Wynter says that the murderesses form the true model prisoners, always quiet and respectful and kind to those around them.

FRED-Being forbidden to speak is the hardest thing of all on those convicted women. I think that is more a refinement of crueity than cutting I don't blame them for breaking out. It must be a great relief to smash a hundred or

mind.

Miss Racent.—Dud you ever read of anothing the borrible that that about the were wolves?

I sever read of such bloodthicstiness. The idea of anothing new since in edition of 1835.

I sever read of such bloodthicstiness. The idea of such and women going about on all-fours, seeking when they might devount. The story of marchel is because I have never found a Guen-ever. ing whom they might devour! The story of Mardhal de Betz, who murdered 800 chudren that he might bathe in their blood, is horrible past belief. PELICIA-I wonder if Jesse Pomercy ts a were-

Fann-Yes, just as much as any one ever was. It is merely a form of invanity; the asylum and not the gallows was the place for those miserable

populace wanted to tear them limb from limb. FELICIA-Let us turn to the more agreeable subsect of now toys are made. Mr. Wynter talks of puring a Noah's are for a pepay. I should like to I never saw muy for less than a shilling. Think of bringing a whole menageric into the world by one turn of the lathe and or forming a whole regiment by one casting and a mould! One English manuacturer turns out 10,000 dolls weekly. It must te amusing to watch the various stages of the wax from the bulk to the dainty doll. Paper patterns for dolls' ball dresses are sold in Paris where a

bride and trousseau will bring as much as \$200. Fare-I think that some of our countrymen could write reclingly on the subject of dealers in sname, for ther appear to be the lawful proy of the foreign muds. Mr. Wynter might have gone

FELICIA-That about rate and their doings reminds me of the rats at Spring Hill farm that sammed the milk pans with their task. That goes ahead of any of Mr. Wynter's stories, and it te true, for some of the farm hands caught them

Miss RACBEL-By the way, Fred, Mr. Wynter is an M. D.; yet he is not down on bad smells as dercely as you are. He don't like them, but be believes there is more fuse and oniery against them thou is necessary. He says that the dustmen of Loudon, who work all the time among fith and smells, are healthler as a class than

FRED-Inat is when the smells are in the open air; but I don't believe that any one will deny that an open sewer in your cellar is a breeder of discase. Mr. Wyster writes like a very sensible man, though his facts are often thrown hastily together. However, the fruit is there and is worth eating.

"THE BAPE OF THE GAMP." "I doubt if a book was ever blessed with a more mysterious name than this," said Felicia, closing the covers on the last page or "The Rape of the Gamp." (Harper & Bros.)

FRED-1 know of one good laly who forbade her danubter reading a book with such a name. She wouldn't have it in the house. The Mothen-Really, I do not know what it

means. I have no idea what a "gamp" is. Fare-Way, mother, one would think that you were not anif the admirer of Dickens that you pretend to be. Don't you remember Sairy Gamp and her inseparable umbrella! In this story they call an umbrella, which plays an imperiant part, a gamp. The name is getting to be quite common. I have often beard it.

The MOTHER-Of course, I remember Sairy, but I never should have guessed the solution of this mystery.

Miss RACHEL-I see by Harper's Weekly that the author of this clever story, Mr. C. Weish Mason, who died in England in February, wrote this story while in America in 1871. Mr. Mason was quite a young man and a great sufferer. Had he lived he vould have revisited this country this summer. Harpe s have one of his short stories jet uppuolished.

The MOTHER-Is the story as good as it looks ? I was quite taken with the pictures.

FELICIA-Indeed it is. It is about a big and in-teresting family of Browns who spelled their name with an "e." There are several sons and several daughters. The sons are prematurely baid, pleasant, lazy fellows, and the girls are very joily, with the exception of the oldest, who is spiteful in proportion to her years. The hero is Bedford Lyte, or Mr. Lane, as he is called, "a man of Triante proportions, with dense auburn locks cinstering low down on his forebead and behind

Miss RACHEL-The heroine is Janet Browns course small, fair and large eyed. She is a rich young lady, who signs for a mission and who is about as capable of being a missionary as-as Felicia. She falls hopelessly in love with Lane

rick!
FELICIA-1 think Janet's love was very cunning, steams that old dilapidated gamp was charm-

Miss Rachel.-What could have been more nat-Miss RACHEL—What could have been more natural than the whole Browne fainly? The way toey talked and quarrelled, it might have been us for example. They sail very funny thinks, one would not imagine the author a sufferer from the way he writes. He never misses a point he will be the quickest to see the radiculous sine of

and is the quickest to see the ridiculous side of everything.

Frace—That description of Janet at the crack of the coor when Lane is telling her brother that he loves her, but that he arready has a wife is capital. She didn't laint or scream only "embraced the doorpost tenderly" when see heard him say "Hove her." Janet is a dear hitle thing but I do not trink that I could have married her, she was almost too calidiate and inhocent.

Fraction—You are not a strong enough character yourself to like a weakish woman. You would of course prefer some one stronger, more like thelen Tolleton.

Fract—Well, that is sisterly! Its only that last

FRE: -Well, that is sisterly! Its only that last clause that saves your remarks from being down-

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to take a well-meant remark.

PRED—Suppose we leave Fred and go on with the book.

Felicia—I have nothing more to say. I enjoyed every line, and I should say that Rachel did also from the way she pored over it. I am gind it ended happin, for they all deserved it; and I sincerely regret that we will have no more novels from this gitted author's pen.

RECENT PORTRY.

"What do you think of 'Aristophanes' Apology?" (James R. Osgood & Co.) said the Doctor to the Professor, as the two sat in the cessy library at Helle Vee, enjoying their midnigat eights.

"I think it is one of the strongest books of verse in the English language." Fepiled the Professor, laying his mand caressingly upon the volume.

The DOCTOR—I guess you are about right. It is too good for the general reader; but, then, Browning does not ever find his andience among general readers. It takes sard thinking to understand this poet. He makes his thought so elaborate, he races it up and dows, drives it torean isly in the and doubles on its tracks, but brings it out "origat shining as the day."

The Professor—He paints Aristophanes in strong but not very attractive colors, makes him a brune, with a dash of poetry, but hitle sentiment.

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a piessant, barlione voice.) It begins:—
Ent I--what eise do you suppose t-had piercod
Quite through friends outstraining, fost mock praise
And reached conviction, heartief under all peath's vapid time had closed a lite's account
And cut off, jet unalternay cless
The sum of up value of Euripides.
The Professor—Beautiful, indeed! Mr. Browning makes considerable out of Bainustion. She
germs to me like a sort of Greek Julia Ward Howe,
Mrs. Howe would be just the woman to set up her
saint, like Enlanstion did Euripides. She puts
down her actagonist just as eleverly as Mrs. Howe
would, 100.

would, too.

The Doctor—I imagine that Mrs. Howe would must a more intelligent audience for her price de resistance than a semi-intoxicated reveller, poes though he was.

The Phorps-on—Perhaps Balanstion preferred to the Phorps-on—Perhaps Balanstion preferred.

The Proprison.—Perhaps Balanston preferred Aristophanes drunk to all olders sober, file was a great train, and it took more than a lew gobiets of wins to be middle it.

The Doctors.—His apology seems to be more like a derence. Any way, Balanston knew just how to take it. She cut the ground completely from under him. She argues with all the latter day knowledge and shrewdness of a Bostonian. She saids too lar from Euripides to see any of his faults and does not look upon him with the eyes of a contemporary.

The Docton (laughing) - You are a pretty look.

The Doctor (laughing)—You are a pretty lorkmer Launcelot! Not only Genevere, but all Moris' women are beautiful. I cannot now think of
my poet who paints his women with so delicate a
cach or in such delicate colors. He just his the
leak. Compare one of our modern belies to these
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line creatures.

The Professon—I hate to come back to this
lore-i-day world alter reading Morris. He takes
are off among fair ladies and brave knights, so
est I return with a start when Bridget knocks on
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me off among fair ladies and brave knights, so test return with a start when Bridget knocks on my door for the minkman's money.

The bocton—Way, my dear Professor, I would never have accused you of this sentimentalism.

The Phorason—Morris and mooninght go a great way toward making a spoony of your old friend.

Miss Phelips as a Poet.

"More poetry," said the Doctor, glancing at a coulpe of dainty little volumes almost hid under his morning's Herallo.

"to edic Studies," by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps" (James R. Osgood & Co.), said the Professor, taking up the volume nearest him. "We seem to have such a vein of poetry this evening suppose we look over these latest additions to American verser".

The Doctron—I think that there is more real poetry in Miss Pheip's prose tann in her verse; what so you taink about it, old fellow?

The Phorreson—Perhaps you are right, but I find peenty of poetry aere. You can't say anytoing against this:—

Coldry the night wind shivers on the hilltop, took crawls the pale-faced fog from off the sea: nessed by the one and blinded by the other, Thin I my alle se ps longing unto thee!

Warm as the glad hand, held in silence toward me, shines out the window's light across the lea;
Warm as a flower waiting for the south wind. So waits thy sweet face sheltered there for me. Wind as the gate and like the mist pervading The soul of the dark night and the soul of me, though of nhoeles, for living or tordying, Tara i my late love forever unto thee!

The Doctor—That suits your sentimental mood undoubtedly. Now here is one of a more plous turn of thought, which I think equally pretty:—

If an angel that I know Should now enter, sliding low Down the shatt of quie. moonlight that resis upon the And it she should stir and stand
With a my in her hand,
And that smite of treasured stillness that she were.

About I fulling at her feets wreet?

Would fulling at her feets sweet?

Would ther lowest seast white nem upon me unworthy.

All?

Or would she guarded, stand,

Drop the list in my hand,

And go whispertag as she vanished, "This is all?"

Or would he guarded, stand,
Der you his in my hand,
And go whisperlay as she vanished, "This is all?"

The Processors—I think that is very precity, indeed, and sentimental too. Miss Pheips writes
daintify and gracefully and puts some beautiful
thoughts into her verses.

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The PROPESSOR—I had its a hew name to me, let
us look at the work of this aspirant to literary
fame. Curning over the leaves, a young man,
I'll venture to say, for youth always writes from
the glooms side of life. Its only the old fellows
who see the sliver holing of the olack clouds.
There is a tone of despondency running through
the whole book; the sun does not break through
up to the very last stangs. The poet seems to be
groping after semething, he does not appear himself to know exactly what.

The Bocton—Mr. Logan writes like a man who
has read good poetry and has good users, but his
touch is that of a diletiante rather than a profesannal. A round of good, honest criticism of this
pseen would greatly selp his next venture.

The Propessors—There are some precty conceits
in the book. For example:—

There is silence in the ocean's roar.

A hus within the moaning of the wind.

And in the crash of -attances which pour
From mountain heighth a quiet to the mind—
A thunder with the siliness is combined
which wrape the stars!

The Doctors—That is very nice, indeed (noking
at his watch). Blees my soul, Professor, It is

Which wraps the stars!

The Doctors-That is very nice, indeed (looking at his waten). Bless my soul, Professor, it is after one o'clock! Let us to bed! To-morrow I will look over Mr. Logan's poem with more care for it seems to be well worth looking into.

The Professor-Good night, my friend, I will soon follow your lead, but I am just now in prim order for Morris and will keep his company for awhite longer. Am recoir /

#### LITERARY CHIT-CHAT.

Lord Lytion, whose contributions to poetical and romantic literature have been numerous, has declined the governorship of Badras, which was, queerly enough, offeres him by the British got

M. Hadan has published in the Revue des Deux Mondes "Un Voyage an Cour de l'Afrique," in weich be gives an account of the Niams and Akkas, savage tribes, of whom he tells many interesting things.

Australia is a country exceedingly prolific of

traveller's books. The latest is colonel Worburton's "yourney Accross the Western Interior of

A lot of anpublished manuscripts of Bossuet have been discovered in a convent at Nancy, with letiers to and from Mile. de la Vaillère.

The London Athenous has rejuctantly appealed for a new trial of the libel suit in the case of Johnston's Atlases, for its severe scoring of whose publishers that journal was fixed £1,275 damages. rights and liberties of the entire press.

Mr. Congressman Seelye's book on "Christian finsious" consist of his lectures before the theological students at Andover and New Haven. Scribner will reprint Buskin's select readings

in "Mouern Painters." The author declines to reprint the whole book (now long out of print). but we see no good reason why an American lisher should not give us the full work. Miss Florence Marryat's new novel has the hitherto unappropriated book title "Open! Sesame!"

Mr. C. F. Wingate has written a volume on American journalism which F. B. Pasterson, of New York, will soon puntish. Bonamy Price's pamphiet on "Money and the Error of an Inflated Currency" will be printed by

H. L. Binton & Co. Dr. Dio Lewis, whose active and even fanatical participation in the Obio temperance crusade e remembered, has now written a book to prove

The second and third volume of the highly interesting memoirs of Lord Sheiburne will appear

A twenty-pound prize is offered by an enterprising Englishman for the best essay on the folwing subject: ... "Is the Present English Tongae a Teutonic or a Romanic Opef"

Mr. C. W. Hecketbern's "History of Secret Societies of All Ages and Countries" bas just appeared from Bentley's London press in two vol-

The London Examiner thinks that the widows of Canon Kingsiey and of Sir Arthur Helps, th acpting pensions of £200 each from government, have done their utmost to discredit their hus-

Miss Sarah Tytler, whose handbooks on old masters and modern painters were so useful to learners about art, has now written "Musical Composers and their Works." It is the best elementary handbook on music in English which has appeared.

That ubiquitous traveller Captain Burton, to preparing a book on "Foncing and the Broad-aword Exercise" which will be fully illustrated. The London Academy, in noticing the new agitation in the copyright question by the Ame tion to Protect the flights of Authors, says that circumstances at the present moment appear to favor the cause of copyright resorm, and that it is perhaps not too much to hope that the Canadian statute just passed, securing to English authors a substantial amount of protection, will tend to influence the Congress at Washington to give a similar measure of protection within the limits of

spe United States.

J. B. Lippincott & Co. have nearly ready "The Undivine Comedy," by Count Signmund Erasinski, the anonymous post of Poland, and "The Mystery; or, Platonic Love," by George S. Grosny, Mr. Shakespeare Wood has perpetrated a book called "The New Curiosum Urbas," which is a poor guide to Rome.

Messrs. Porter & Coates, Philadelphia, have now ready "The Better Soit," a series of enemys by J. Hain Frisweil, anchor of the "Gentie Life," Ac. The last named work has met with great success, and the English publishers have just pseued the twenty-first edition. "Oldburg." by one concentration and serious are merely the weapons with which Mr. Browning lengths the cld Athenian aget between tragedy and Comedy, and he has used his waspons like a great general.

"How very different are these two English poets," said the Doctor, taking up Browning's last and Morris' 'Delence of Guencycre' (Roberts twenty-first edition. "Oldnerg." by Annie Keary, and "At Capri," from the German of Carl De Hess (Miss Clara Bauer), author of "Valentine, the will also soon be published, uniform, with their international series of novels. An important book, just ready, is Professor Blasius! book on "Storms: Their Nature, Classification THE FIREMEN'S WAGES.

HOW THE POBEMEN WERE INDUCED TO SIGN

THE BEQUEST TO CHANGE THE SYSTEM. The letter sent on Friday last to the foremen of the several fi e companies of the city for their signatures, and addressed to the Mayor, seems to have been a little piece of sharp practice for the benefit of Comparoller Green, that fails to reflect credit upon those at whose instigation it was gotten up. The purport of the letter was that the old method of paying the firemen's salaries in money directly to them at the houses was not working well, and it was desirable to change the system and reinstate that of paying the men by warrant on a bank as in former times. To this end the letter was sent, and many of the foremen of companies were led to believe that it was all emanation direct from the Mayor's office.

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A HERALD reporter called on Fire Commissioner King yeste day to get some explanation from him on the subject, and was informed by that gentleman "that the document issued from Fire Commissioner Perley, President of the Board." Mr. King further stated that he was averse to the \$1.55 attent of paying by warrant, the had from the Bratish advocated the method at present in vigue of paying the fremen in money at their are houses; that it was quite as convenient to them as the system of paying by warrants, for it they lost aday or part of a day in waiting for the paymaster to come round, they lost almost as mace time in going down town to get their money after the foreman had brought the warrant to them. Commissioner King stated that his ideas on this subject were well known to the Hoard of Fire Commissioners, and that the circular had been sent out without his knowledge or consent, because it was known that he would oppose it. The telegraph of the department had been used to take the circulars around. He left that the treatment had been used to get the dea circulated, and the messenger of the department had been used to take the circulars around. He left that the treatment he had received in regard to the matter was discourteous and ungentlemant via the alghest degree, and he had taken the opportunity to so inform his colleagues, and ne did it in such a manner that they will not be likely to ignore his presence again. The commissioner, in answer to the question why so many of the opportunity to so inform his colleagues, and ne did it in such a manner that they will not be likely to ignore his presence again. The commissioner, in answer to the sign the circular, and why put one of them in the lihred origine would sign it, auted that they knew nothing about it, that they were not to be bilinded by such a lame story as was told about the Mayor's office, and as they did not object to their present system of payment they would sign nothing unit it was lilly explained to them. Mr. King aveit as nis firm belief, however, " on the subject, and was informed by that gentlemin "that the document issued from Fire Com-

### MUNICIPAL NOTES.

The Seventh regiment will be reviewed to-day by the Mayor and Common Conneil, as three o'clock in the afternoon. His Honor will accompany the regiment to Boston and will be away two days. During his absence Mr. Lewis, President of days. During his absence Mr. Lewis, President of the Board of Aldermen, officiates as Accing Mayor. About 270,000 are due Mes-rs. Jones & McQuade, contractors, for filling in the Hariem flats. Payments have been already made out or the Comptroller's office on the certificates of Commissioners van Nort and Porter, who certified that the work had been properly done. It would be well for the Comptroller to exercise every precaution before paying out any more money under this contract. He should send careful examiners to see that the matter used in filling up the flats was of a proper quality so that the public health will not be interleted with.

Mr. John Kelly held a long consultation yester-day with Mayor Wickaim at the latter's office, footh gentlemen disappeared, arm in arm, from the meeting of the Tammany Society on Monday night. It is presumed they have still in serious contemplation a visit to London. The citizens of New York in the meanwhile may contratulate themselves on a speedy departure of these gentle-men.

## SPEAKER BLAINE'S INJURIES.

Speaker J. G. Blaine, of the House of Repre. sentatives, who was wrecked in the Bos:on train at Tremont last Saturday evening, has since been lying quite ill at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, under medical treatment by Dr. A. Ruppaner, who iound that two of the Speaker's rins were badly bruised. Fortunately the injuries are not of a daugerous nature, and this morning Mr. Blaine, accompanied by Dr. Ruppaner, will leave for his home in Maine, by way of Boston.

## DEATHS.

ABBOTT.—In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, June 16, 1875, ADDIS D., elder daughter of Benjamin F. and Diancy P. Abbout, aged 23 years.
Funeral services will be held at the residence, 160 Putham avenue, on Taursday at two P. M. Relatives and irlends are invited.
ABBOUD.—On June 15, in his 24th year, GUSTAY ABBOUD.

ARNOLD. The relatives and friends of the family are re-spectfully invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, Argold's Hall, 110ta street, hear Bonievard, on Thursday, 17th inst., at tweete M.,

BRACH.—At Hempstead, L. I., June 15, suddenly, KATE VAN DEWATER, wile of Hoffman Beach. Notice of Juneral Detrailer.

BRATTIE.—On Tuesday morning, June 15, of diphineria. William S. Beattie, youngest son of William and Mary Beattle, in the 9th year of his

The friends and relatives of the inmity are affectionately invited to attend the funeral to-day (Wednesday), June 16, at one o'clock P. M., at the resonance of his parents, No. 307 finire devouce. Boyle.—On June 14, 1575, MARY ANN, Deloved wife of Andrew Boyle, in her disay year.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from her late residence. 34 East Tenth street, on Thursday, the 17th mat., at two o'clock P. M., without further motice.

ITEM MISS., at two o'clock P. M., without further motice.

BROWN.—On Tuesday, June 15, Joseph Brown, aged 45 years, a native of Multyfarnam, county westments, ireland.

The Friends of the family and those of his sonsin-law, heary headams and Charles Thompson, also his broibers-in-law, Michael, Thos, and James Kiernan, are requested to attend his funeral, from his late residence, all East Thirteenth atreet, on Thursday morning, at one o'clock, to the Church of the Immaculate Conception, East Fourteenth atreet, where a solemn high mass will be offered up for the remose of his soil, and thence to Calvary Cemetery at one o'clock for intersical.

Browns.—On June 14, Rose Anne Rhowne, oldest dangher of Mary McMaily and John Browne, aged I years, lo months and 16 days.

Funeral this day (Weinesday), at two o'clock, from los West Twenty-eighth street, to Calvary Cemeter?.

BCR.—Charles B. Burn, youngest son of Rose and Joseph Burn, aged a years, 3 months and 10 days.

Echillyse and friends of the family are respect-

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Rejutives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the innerst, on Wednesday
asternous, at two o'clock, from 482 Fullon street,
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Coorea.—On bunday, June 13, John Coorea, ared 32 years.

The funeral services will take place at St. Alban's church, East Forty-seventh street, hear Lexington avenue, on Wednesday, June 16, at one o'clock.

Rejaures and friends of the family are invited.

Relatives and triends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.
.ULLIN.-On Tuesday, one P. M., ELIZA CULLIN,

CULIN,—On Thesday, one P. M., ELIZA CULLIS, aged 13 years.

Funeral on Thursday, at two o'clock, from 428 East fwelfan stree!

DRISCOLL.—On Thesday, June 15, CORNELIUS DRISCOLL. of pneumonis.

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ELY.—On Thesday, June 15, 1875, of dipatheria, GEORGE CLARE, Only calld of B. Frankin and Lizze O. Ely, aged 2 years, 5 montas and 15 days.

Notice of funeral is—morrow.

FINDLAY.—At Westchester, on Tuesday, June 15, SUSAN FINDLAY, wile of Robert Findlay, in the 824 year of her age.

year of her age,
The relatives and friends of the family are respecifully invited to attend the luneral, from the
First Presbyterian Church, at Parogg's Neck,
Westenester, on Friday, June 18, at one o'clock

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FOSTER.—On Tuesday, at half-past six P. M.,

HARRY KEELER FOSTER, youngest child of Henry
L. and Emma Hoyt Foster, aged 6 years, 2 months
and 12 days.

Funeral will take place on Thursday, the 17th
Inst., at two o'clock P. M., from the residence of
the parents, 279 Macon street, Brooklyn.

FREY.—On June 1,4 suddenly, Louis FREY, aged

FREY.—On June 1, saudount, Louis Fair, ages
88 years.
Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from his late
residence, No. 8 Cannon street, on Thursday, June
17, without inviter notice.
GALVIN.—At his late residence. Clarenceville,
L. l., MARTIN GALVIN, of consumption, in the 50th
vear of his age.

GALVIN.—A: his late residence, Clarenceving, L. L. Martin Galvin, of consumption, in the 5941 year of his age.

Reintives and friends of the family are requested to attend his luneral, on Wednesday morning, all ten o'clock, from St. James' Catnedral, Jay strees, Brookirn, thence to the Cemetery of the Holy Cross, for interment.

Garrian.—On Tuesday morning. June 15, James, inlant son of John and Mary Gartian, aged 4 years and 5 montes.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectively invited to attend the luneral from als late residence, 269 East Tenth street, on Thursday, 17th inst., at half-past one o'clock P. M. Gilcherst.—On Monday, June 14, John Gilcherst., Sr., in the 77th year of his age.

Relatives and irlends of the family are respectively invited to attend the luneral, on Wednesday 16th list, at three o'clock P. M., from bla late residence, No. 183 Neison street, Brookiyn.

Haganer Haganey, a native of the parish of Kildress, county Tyrone, Ireland, sgeed at years.

Relatives and irlends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, at her late residence, 150 for the parish of Kildress, County Tyrone, Ireland, sgeed at years. attend the funeral, at her late residence. 128 West Twenty-fourth street, on Thursday, at one

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Harrison.—Morris Harrison, of Hawkinsville, Ga., who was deprived of his life by being wrecked on the Schiller, the 7th of May, will be buried on Thursday morning, 17th, at ten A. M., from the Twenty-ninth street Synagogue, between Third and Lexington avenues.

All relatives and Friends are respectfully invited to attent, also the Genesen Chebra.

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Keilt.—At her residence, 340 East Thirty-seventh street, on Monday, June 14, 1875, after a short and severe liness, Catharing Ann Keilt, in the 30th year of her age, a native of county Derry, Ireiand.

reland.

A solemn mass of requiem will be offered up for the repose of her soul at St. Gaprie's church, East Thirty-seventh street, at ten o'clock, Wednesday; thence to Calvary Cemetery, at one o'clock P. M.

day; mence to Calvary Cemetery, at one o'clock P. M.

KEENAN.—On Monday, June 14, 1875, DENNIS KEENAN, county of Limerick.

His friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend his funeral, from his residence, No. 1 Second street.

Montreal papers please copy.

KENT.—On Tuestay, June 15, of diphtheria, C. Gussir, aged 3 years and 1 day, daughter of George W. and Mary Louise Kent.

Relatives and firends are respectfully invited to attend the inneral, from the residence of ner grandparents, No. 135 Eim street, on Thursday, June 17, at two o'clock P. M.

King.—On June 14, 1875, TROMAS KING, aged 3 years, 2 mouths and 14 days.

The friends and acquaintances of the family are requested to attend ais luneral, also those of his uncles, John and Thomas Haipin, from the residence of his parents, southwest corner of 118th street and Third avenue, at two P. M.

LEGGETT.—In Hrocklyn, on June 15, of diphtheria, And Gembeude, edest daughter of Richard L. and Chara Leggett.

Friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, this day (Wednesday), at three o'clock P. M., from the residence of her parents 281 Adelphilisticet.

Levin.—On Monday night, June 14, Charles

P. M., from the residence of acr parents 221 Addi-phil street.

LEVIN.—On Monday night, June 14, Charles LEVIN, aged 54 years and 4 months.

Relatives and irlends are respectfully invited to attend the luneral, from his late residence, 344 West Fifty-flith street, this (Wednesday) moraling, at ten o'clock.

LUJENS.—On Monday, June 14, ANNA LUJENS, mis-er of Herman Lutjens, aged 37 years.

Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to

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MANDEVILLE.—In Josef City Heights, June 15, MANDEVILLE.—In Joses City Heights, June 18, Hexery Mandeville, in the Soft year of his age. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funoral services, at the residence of his nephew, Henry V. Mandeville, corner Mandeville and Bergen avenues, on Thursday, June 17, at haif past two o'clock?, M.

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MAYER.—On Mondos, June 14, 1875, ADELM, Willow of the late David Mayer.

Friends of the latenily are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her brother, Simon Wormser, No. 25 West Porty-eighth street, on Wednesday, the 16th inst., at hair-past nine o'clock A. M.

MICCHISON.—On Monday, June 14, WILLIAM, son of Heary B. and Maggie E. Mitchison, aged 15 months.

Funeral from the residence of his parents, 14 longlass street, Brooxign, on Wednesday, June 16

PRINCIAL STATES. PROOKING, on Wednesday, June 10, at turee P. M.

MCCARTKEY.—On Monday, June 14, at her interestedence, 242 East Thirty-eventh street, MART JANE MCCARTKEY, aged 61 years.

The funeral will take place this day (Wednesday), at half-past one o'clock. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend.

MCLEAN.—On Thesian, June 18, JENNIE MCLEAN, daugater of David and Margaret McLean, aged tyears, 7 months and 26 days.

The relatives and irlends of the family are invited to attend the luneral, from 265 Spring airest, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at two o'clock.

MCMAHON.—At 210 East Thirty-eights street, on Monday, June 14, Parkick MCMAHON, aged 55

vited to attend the tuneral, from 255 Spring street, this (Wednesday) afternoon, at two o'clock.

McMahox.—At 210 East Thirty-eights street, on Monday, June 14, Parrick McMahox, aged 55 years, a native of the parish of Annaghmalica, county Monaghan, Ireland.

His relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the Juneral, to-day, Isth inst., at two o'clock P. M.

Parric.—In New York, on the 8th of June, Mra.
ELLEN Parric.—On Monday, the 14th inst., Florence, youngest daugater of James and Emma Paulsen, aged 3 years and 3 months.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral services, at the residence of her parenta, 206 East Nineteenth street, at two o'clock P. M.

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Perricatures and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Thursday, 17th inst., at half-past two o'clock, from the residence of her son, Hamilton Pearsall, Merrick plank road, Jamakca, without further invitation.

Schmidt.—The body of Mr. Charles Schmidt Haiving arrived the inneral will take place Thursday, the 17th inst., irom his late residence, 116 Rivington street, at two o'clock P. M. Relatives and Iriends, Darcy Lodge 187, P. and A. M., and Liedertaied der Ver. Socializiorimer are respectivily invited to attend the same.

Darcy Lodds, No. 187, P. and A. M.—Brettenny out a firm of the first part the lodge rooms, Masonic Hail, Twenty-third street and Sixta avenue, on Thursday, 17th inst., at half-past twelve o'clock P. M., sharp, te pay the last tribute of respect to our late orother, Charles Schmidt, from his late residence, No. 110 Rivington street. By order of S. Politzer, Schmidt, from his late residence, No. 110 Rivington street. By order of S. Politzer, Schmidt, from his late residence, No. 110 Rivington street. By order of S. Politzer, Schmidt, from his late residence, No. 110 Rivington street and swente, on Thursday, 17th inst., at half-